Kinoform Lenses for High Energy (>50 keV) Photons and other applications

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Many applications, especially the study of high Z materials, benefit from the use of high-energy x-ray photons (>50 keV) from high brightness accelerator based sources. Focusing optics for such high energies are not widely available, and do not have the quality that is commonplace at lower photon energies (<10 keV). Using silicon kinoform lenses at beamline 1-ID at APS with 51 keV photons, we obtain 1 dimensional focal spot sizes of 225±25nm at a focal length of 0.25m with a gain of 87±4, and a spot size of 1±0.1 microns at a focal length of 2m with a gain of 176±5. A point focus was also obtained with a crossed kinoform geometry, similar to the KB mirror geometry, and a point focus of 0.85 microns (v) by 2.3 microns (h) was measured. At a higher energy of 102 keV, we obtained a 1.5 micron spot size. We anticipate that these optics will enable many x-ray microscopy techniques at high photon energies. Finally, we also discuss some x-ray micro-diffraction results obtained on human hair using kinoform lenses at 12.1 keV.